



HR0061

LRB099 06298 MST 26947 r

1

HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to honor Illinois State Police (ISP)
4 Director Hiram Grau and thank him for his service to the State;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Director Grau was appointed by Governor Pat Quinn
7 on March 25, 2011 and unanimously confirmed by the Illinois
8 Senate on April 13, 2011 as the ISP's first Hispanic Director;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, During his tenure, Director Grau oversaw the ISP's
11 implementation of Illinois' concealed carry program, meeting
12 every statutory deadline; he authorized the use of non-lethal
13 and state-of-the-art tasers by troopers; he renewed the ISP's
14 efforts on diversity and recruitment, producing a professional
15 recruitment video; and

16 WHEREAS, Under Director Grau's leadership, the ISP opened
17 the Metro East Forensic Science Laboratory in Belleville and
18 the Metro East Police Assistance Team (MEPAT) was deployed and
19 partnered with the Chicago Police Department in a fugitive
20 apprehension initiative; and

21 WHEREAS, During the 2012 Chicago NATO Summit, Director Grau

1 led the ISP's involvement and protection of world dignitaries
2 attending the conference; and

3 WHEREAS, Director Grau renewed the ISP's efforts in the
4 investigation of cold cases; under his leadership, one of the
5 oldest cold cases in American history, the 1957 murder of Maria
6 Ridulph, was solved; in addition, the ISP eliminated the
7 backlog of old "Section 20" sexual assault cases; and

8 WHEREAS, Prior to becoming Director of the ISP, Director
9 Grau was Deputy Chief of the Cook County State's Attorney's
10 Office of Investigations Bureau, where he oversaw the
11 Narcotics/Special and Municipal Investigations Divisions; he
12 has spent his entire career in law enforcement - 28 of those
13 years with the Chicago Police Department, working his way up
14 through the ranks as Patrolman, Tactical Officer, Gang Crime
15 Specialist, Detective, Undercover Narcotics Officer, Sergeant,
16 Lieutenant, Watch Commander, District Commander, Deputy
17 Superintendent, and Acting First Deputy; he also spent 9 years
18 on the FBI's Street Gang Investigation Squad; and

19 WHEREAS, Director Grau has received hundreds of special
20 commendations, awards, and recognitions; he is a decorated
21 Vietnam veteran, receiving 4 medals while serving with the
22 United States Army's 101st Airborne Division; and

1 WHEREAS, Director Grau has served as Past President of the
2 St. Jude Police League; was a former professor of the Adler
3 School of Psychology (Police Leadership Course); a guest
4 lecturer at the Vietnam Veterans Museum; and a former
5 Leadership Course Instructor for the Chicago Police
6 Department's Executive Development Program; and

7 WHEREAS, Director Grau has a bachelor's degree in criminal
8 justice/social justice from Lewis University and a master's
9 degree in business administration from St. Xavier University;
10 he is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and the City of
11 Chicago Executive Development Program; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
14 honor Illinois State Police Director Hiram Grau and thank him
15 for his service to the State; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to Director Grau as an expression of our esteem and
18 respect.